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**SUBJECT: Request for Proposal / RFP #1F-22 / Procurement of 40-Foot Low Floor
Battery Electric Buses / COMMBUYS Bid# BD-22-1206-MBTA-MBTA-
74136**

Addendum No. 5

Dear Bidders:

Please be advised that the above has been amended and/or clarified as shown on the attached that is made a part of herein.

Acknowledgment of this Addendum must be so noted on your proposal submittal.

ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

Sincerely,

Aidan Flynn
Sourcing Executive

Attachment

MBTA
RFP 1F-22 / Technical Specification VE21-054

CLARIFICATIONS

Question 1:

Requesting approval for a bumper to bumper length exceeding the technical specification requirement.

Response 1:

Please refer to Technical Specification Section 6.1 for the permissible bumper to bumper bus length range.

Question 2:

Requesting approval for front and rear door step height which exceeds the technical specification requirement.

Response 2:

Please refer to Technical Specification Section 6.4.1 for the permissible Boarding Step height requirements.

Question 3:

Requesting approval for shaker table test performed on one of our bus models performed using the Altoona durability profile?

Response 3:

The Altoona Durability Test is performed at different vehicle speeds at different stress elements with multiple test segments and with the bus at varying vehicle loads (weights). Technical Specification Section 13.2 provides the Authority's shaker table duty cycle, bus loading, and simulated service life, requirements.

Question 4:

Requesting approval for a fully electric Valeo HVAC system.

Response 4:

Per RFP section 1.8.2.d, *The Authority will not review "Requests for Approved Equal" for specified components or systems during the RFC process. All approved equal proposals will be reviewed during preliminary design phase of the procurement with the selected Contractor.* Please refer to Technical Specification Section X for HVAC system requirements.

Bidders shall also provide a proposal that meets the requirements of Option 13, *HVAC System with Heat Pump.*

Question 5:

Request approval of our electrically actuated Vapor doors, Slide Glide at the front and Plug Slide at the rear.

Response 5:

Technical Specification Section 70 requires doors to be pneumatically operated.

Question 6:

Request the above referenced RFP Section 7.6 (Liquidated Damages) be removed in its' entirety contained therein are onerous, burdensome and potentially injurious to any successful proponent. Suggest this language be replaced with the APTA Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines regarding liquidated damages of \$250 per day, per us for late delivery.

Response 6:

RFP Section 7.6 Liquidated Damages follows APTA Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines and FTA best practices.

ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.